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The Northfield Summer Conferences Complete Details of Each Meeting Several Well-Known Speakers are Listed

Girl's Conference Comes First General Conference Ends Season

The prospectus of Northfield's summer conferences has been issued and contains complete information of all the gatherings with a list of the scheduled speakers. Northfield may expect to see its full quota of the season's visitors as the officials of each conference already are optimistic about the attendance of delegates. The general office of the conferences will be in Stone hall.

The first conference to be called together will be the

GIRLS' CONFERENCE

June 24—July 1

This conference, planned for girls of secondary school, college, freshman and sophomore ages, welcomes those genuinely interested in studying the principles of Christ and their application to today's needs. Among this year's speakers, representing the type of religious leadership that understands the needs of young people, will be Dr. Hornell Hart, Dr. Howard Thurman, Dr. Arthur Lee Kinsolving, Rev. James T. Cleland, Dr. Brewer Eddy, Rev. Donald J. Campbell, Rev. Leslie Glenn, Mrs. Harper Sibley, Rev. Eugene C. Blake, Rev. Grant Noble. Additional information may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, The Northfield League, 127 East 52nd St., New York City.

The second gathering is the

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

July 4—11

Each year this conference brings to Northfield a large group of young men and women eagerly seeking the application of the C. E. motto, "For Christ and the Church," to life's everyday problems. Devoted leadership, understanding speakers and inspiring fellowship point the way. Among the 1938 leaders will be Rev. Edwin H. Gibson, Dr. Andrew Richards, Professor Ralph Palmer, Mr. Russell J. Blair, Dr. Elmer A. Leslie, Mr. Glen Massman, Rev. Kenneth D. Beckwith, Dr. William S. Abernethy of Calvary Baptist church, Washington, will preach Sunday, July 10. Further information may be secured from Leslie G. Deinhardt, Field Secretary, 41 Mt. Vernon St., Boston.

The next conference is the

MISSIONARY

CONFERENCE, July 11—19

This great interdenominational gathering offers features of vital interest to active workers in missionary organizations and at the same time provides an inspirational and instructive program for the potential future leaders of these organizations. The missionary topics to be discussed this year are "India," for foreign missions and "The City" for home missions. The speakers who have been invited include: Dr. Frederick Bohn Fisher and Mrs. Welthy H. Fisher, both of Detroit; Miss Gertrude Schultz, Dr. Caroline Palmer, Rev. Stanley Hazzard, Rev. Ruth S. Conant, Dr. Emily Werner, and Dr. Elizabeth Brubaker. The conference chairman is Mrs. Gula G. Plummer.

Again will be welcomed the

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

July 16—23

The Eastern Workers Conference of the United Presbyterian church will be held again this summer on the Mt. Hermon campus. This gathering brings together United Presbyterian ministers, lay workers and young people from all the states in the northeast for a week of fellowship, recreation, devotion and study. Commanding, as it does, an inspiring hilltop far above the Connecticut river, the Hermon campus is an ideal location for such a gathering. In 1936 the United Presbyterian Young People's Christian Union's annual convention occupied this campus as well as the Northfield Seminary grounds. The conference registrar is John C. O'Melia 121 Pinehurst Ave., Providence, Rhode Island.

Another important conference RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

July 19—30

This conference is one of the oldest in the country in the field of summer training for religious education. Its courses of study include the Bible, principles and methods of religious education, missions, home training, and similar subjects. Among those invited as leaders are: Dr. Frank Jennings, Dr. Frederick L. Fagley, Dr. Carl Purinton, Dr. Frank Wade Smith, and Rev. Roy J. Schramm. Dr. Herbert W. Graves, 14 Beacon St., Boston is Dean of the conference. Information regarding the program may be secured from him. Information about registration and reservations should be addressed to the Registrar, R. C. Pifer, Massachusetts Council of Churches, 6 Beacon St., Boston.

A school back again is WESTMINSTER CHOIR

July 25—August 15

This summer school is personally supervised by Dr. John Finley Williamson, founder and conductor of the internationally known Westminster Choir and founder of the Westminster Choir School of Princeton, N. J. The summer sessions give to organists, choir directors and singers, music teachers and supervisors opportunity for intensive study in the Westminster manner combined with a vacation on the beautiful Mt. Hermon campus. A junior school for high school and college students affords students opportunity for study under Dr. Williamson and his staff and allows ample time for recreation. Information may be obtained from Westminster Choir School, Princeton, N. J.

And finally comes again the GENERAL CONFERENCE

July 30—August 15

It is literally true that the 1938 platform of the General Conference needs no introduction to the Christian world. Since 1880 when the first Bible conference was held, Northfield has been host to most of the world's leading Christian statesmen, but perhaps there have never been more of them in attendance at a single conference than this year's program lists.

Dr. Paul D. Moody, conference chairman, is being assisted this year by Dr. Paul E. Scherer as vice-chairman. Conference singing will be led by the Rev. Robert Davis of Middlebury, Vt. The list of speakers includes:

Dr. John Baille, Edinburgh, Scotland; Dr. Albert W. Beaven, Rochester-Colgate Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. George A. Buttrick, Madison Ave. Presbyterian church, New York City; Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, Union Theological Seminary, New York City; Dr. J. V. Moldenhauer, First Presbyterian church, New York City; Rev. E. N. Porter-Goff, London, Eng.; Dr. James Reid, St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Eastbourne, Eng.; Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins, General Theological Seminary, New York City; Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, St. Nicholas church, New York City; Dr. James Stewart, Edinburgh, Scotland; Dr. John S. Whale, Cheshunt college, Cambridge, Eng.

Further information may be obtained by writing Northfield Summer Conferences, E. Northfield, Mass.

Dorothy Stratton

The body of Dorothy Lare Stratton who died last week Friday at the Bechertown State school after a long illness at the age of 18 years, was brought to Northfield for burial in the family plot in Center cemetery last Saturday afternoon. Services were held in Kidders funeral parlors with Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiating. Miss Stratton was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stratton who at one time lived on Warwick Ave. Surviving are several brothers and sisters resident elsewhere.



Mrs. Stockbridge Was Honored At Luncheon

We are privileged to publish the following interesting item found in "The Dade City (Fla.) Banner" of Friday, Feb. 18:

"Mrs. C. C. Stockbridge of East Northfield, Mass., was honored guest at a luncheon given at the Edwinola hotel on Saturday, Feb. 12, the occasion being her 85th birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Frank Stockbridge, as hostess, received and conducted the guests to the dining room where the table was laid for fifteen. Both St. Valentine's Day and Lincoln's birthday inspired the attractive table appointments. Red roses sent from Massachusetts formed the center piece and the place cards were decorated with tiny flags. The large birthday cake held fourteen lighted candles, the number signifying the honoree's age, eight plus five, with one added for good luck and each guest expressed good wishes for Mrs. Stockbridge as the candles were blown out.

Mrs. Stockbridge wore a lovely corsage of gardenias sent by her daughter, Miss Fannie Stockbridge, of Washington, D. C., one of the many expressions of love and esteem sent by her family and friends both here and in the north. One of Dade City's well known and popular winter visitors, Mrs. Stockbridge is spending her twelfth winter here, and the gifts and congratulations of many friends showed the esteem in which she is held.

Mrs. Royal V. Bryant

Mrs. Mary (Bradbury) Bryant wife of Royal V. Bryant of East Orange, N. J., died in the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston Thursday, Feb. 17. The funeral was held in Keene, N. H. the following Saturday.

Mrs. Bryant was born in Staffordshire, Eng., in 1879, and came to this country when a child. After her marriage to Mr. Bryant in 1904 they made their home in Keene for several years and later came to East Northfield to educate their children. The boys graduate from Mt. Hermon and the girls from the seminary. Besides her husband she leaves a sister in England and two sons, Royal of Pomfret, Ct., and Lynwood of Cambridge; also two daughters, Elinore of New York and Laura of Cambridge.

The Brattleboro National Ski Meet Was Great Success

Some five thousand ski enthusiasts poured into Brattleboro last weekend for the National ski meet and among them were a host from our own schools and community. Threatened with dismal failure by the vanishing snow the committee in charge had tons of snow carted from the mountains to put on the runway and warm or cold the meet was announced as a sure event. However, the weatherman was unusually kind and considerate and the fall of snow Saturday night with clearing skies at noon on Sunday gave to Brattleboro ideal conditions. Two special trains pulled into the station from New York and New London bringing excursionists enroute to enjoy what proved to be a splendid exhibition. Sigurd Ulland from Lake Tahoe, Calif., captured the ski crown with 228.9 points.

However Birger Rudd of Norway made the distance with 229.8 but was ineligible under the rules of the American committee. Rudd proved to be a master of the art and the public was thrilled by his performance. There were three classes participating.

The banquet given by the Outing club Sunday night at the Brooks House to the participants of the ski meet, many from foreign countries, had a capacity attendance and the ski ball in the Community building Monday evening was one of the town's big social events.

Fruit From The Gage Florida Farm

Prof. Spurgeon Gage is proving himself to be a real Florida farmer. Oranges and grapefruit are his specialty and his orchards are bearing a most delicious product. Three weeks ago his advertisement appeared in the Press and an order for four baskets was immediately sent by local folks. Everybody was pleased and then followed more orders. Fruit picked in the morning were packed and shipped on the same day and within 3 to 4 days landed in Northfield to be delivered by express by our good friend, Mr. Pefferlee. In a letter to Postmaster Skilton, Mr. Gage writes that he has shipped over 125 baskets to New England and all went through in good condition. Some forty baskets have come to Northfield beside a number of crates sent by friends sojourning down there.

The present crop of oranges is about exhausted but Mr. Gage says his Valencia will be ripe early in March. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carr were callers at the Gage home on their southern trip.

Bavarian Skiers At The Seminary

After their appearance at the Dartmouth Winter carnival and at the Brattleboro ski meet last week-end the nine Bavarian skiers were invited to come to Northfield for a visit at Mount Hermon and to the seminary. They arrived on Monday in Northfield and were for a time guests at the seminary, where the young ladies enjoyed their exhibition on skis and their merrymaking at its close. Their folk songs, yodels and antics were greatly enjoyed. One of the group while sailing down hill on his skis played the accordion perfectly. Others joined in athletic stunts. The winter carnival at the seminary has been indefinitely postponed.

Federation Meeting In Boston Monday

The mid-winter meeting of the state federation will be held at the Hotel Bradford in Boston, Monday, Feb. 28 at 10 a. m. This is the legislative meeting when current bills selected for study will be considered.

George W. Shepherd of Nanking, China, will speak on the New Life Movement in China at the afternoon session. Mr. Shepherd has been associated with Madame Chiang Kai-Shek in an advisory capacity. Chinese affairs will be discussed in the morning also by Prof. J. Anton deHaas.

Wedding Anniversary

A large family party were received at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Stearns on Main street Wednesday evening when the 40th anniversary of their marriage was observed. All extended congratulations and best wishes for a continued useful and happy life.

School Holiday At Mount Hermon Bavarians Guests

The Bavarian Ski Boys featured a school holiday program on Monday in honor of the exceptional scholastic achievements of Hermon students at Yale. Dr. Porter, headmaster, surprised the students at breakfast by announcing the holiday as an inducement to the boys to work hard on their studies. He mentioned the record of Jose Arrom, class of 1933, a native Cuban, who won not only a Phi Beta Kappa key at Yale last year, but also completed the regular four-year course in three years. He is now teaching Spanish at Yale.

Curtis Carmean of Northfield, who is now a senior at Yale, was also singled out by Dr. Porter. He has won a Phi Beta Kappa key, as well as being one of two academic seniors to win membership in Sigma Xi, the scientific award that compares with Phi Beta Kappa.

Right after lunch the Bavarian Ski Boys, seven in number, gave an exhibition of skiing and ski-jumping on Chapel Hill. In this number were Franz Machler, who was among the Class A jumpers at the National meet in Brattleboro. In the evening the skiers put on a program of songs, yodeling, accordion music and also showed moving pictures of skiing in the Alps.

Monday was a red-letter day at Hermon.

Gill - Turners Falls Bridge Completed Next June Fourth

From the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, Wm. F. Callahan in Boston comes the assuring word that the new bridge across the Connecticut river between Gill (Riverside) and Turners Falls will be completed and ready for use about the fourth of June. All steel work is now in place and soon the structure will be equalized for strain and made ready. There are about 3500 tons of steel in the 1750 foot structure and its over-all length, including approaches will be about 2250 feet.

The total cost of the structure will be approximately \$900,000. When the Montague City bridge is finally constructed and in use it will be on the shortest route from Northfield via Gill to points south in the Connecticut valley.

The Social Club

The Northfield Social club will meet next Monday evening from 7:30 to 10 o'clock in Alexander hall. Plans will be discussed for a big party in the town hall to be held at a later date.

The Fortnightly Will Welcome Guests

The Mount Hermon Literary society will be the guests of the Fortnightly Woman's club this Friday evening at eight o'clock in Alexander hall when Mrs. Robert Parmenter of Amherst will give an illustrated lecture on "Normandy and Brittany." Miss Marion Holton will be the hostess assisted by a committee of the members and there will be refreshments. Miss Harriett Kelley of Greenfield will render several songs.

Dance Tonight

The town hall will be well filled this evening for the benefit dance in honor of the late Galen G. Stearns. Music will be by the Musical Bergerons of Erving and the program will be in charge of a committee representing the fire department and the Fish and Game association. Refreshments will be served by members of the Eastern Star. At the time of going to press it is reported that nearly 300 tickets have been sold.

Engagements Announced

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pearson of Winchester road announce the engagement of their daughter, Mildred, to Henry H. Flagg, son of Mrs. Anna Flagg of Rutland, Vt.; and also the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy, to Horace W. Bolton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bolton of East Northfield.

ENGLAND! MY ENGLAND!

What lines would Brooke pen you today,
Who well loved the hills about his home,
What would the brave, who lie in Flander's fields,
Think of their breed who bowed to Rome?
Where is the race of men who ever fought,
And fighting for their Island home
Died gladly for the land they loved—
Would it pay tribute to a treacherous Rome?
Is all your heroes' blood turned white,
Have you no men who love their English home,
Do all of Britain's yeomen fear
The strutting braggart who now rants in Rome?
Oh, England! My England let no dawn ever come
When you must face the day with shame
Because you dared not fight for England's soil
Or shed your blood for England's name.

—By JOHN PHELPS

"Japanese Attitude" Speakers Subject At Church Session

After fifteen years of intimate association with the Japanese people in their towns and villages, the Reverend William P. Woodard of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Boston is in this

country on leave to tell about the Japanese attitude. He will be the speaker at the mid-winter meeting of the Franklin County Congregational club at the Mansion House in Greenfield on the evening of Tuesday, March 1.

With headquarters in Osaka, Mr. Woodard has travelled widely in Japan, and wherever he went he chatted with the people finding that the average Japanese got his idea of America and Americans from movies, sensational papers, and cheap shows. Mr. Woodard is a graduate of Kalamazoo college, Michigan and of Union Seminary, New York. Reservations for this dinner are coming in rapidly and the committee in charge believe that the attendance will be large; because this is also the annual meeting of the club.

Consider Recreation For Young People

A representative group of citizens met at Alexander hall Monday evening to consider and discuss the recreational life of the young people of the town. All sections were represented in the meeting, except West Northfield. After a brief discussion it became evident that a trained leader to conduct work for boys was needed. Men who are interested find it impossible to devote their time to this work and the responsibilities are neglected. The need for leadership in the Boy Scout work is evident and possibly a revival of a similar Boys Brigade which flourished here for many years in the past. It was the conviction of all that there was great need here for a community playhouse, or a gymnasium, or its like, where folks both young and old could find the opportunity for athletics, basketball, bowling, dancing, games, craftsmanship, etc. A committee was named of which Donald Finch is chairman to study the matter of providing the town with a recreational center and bring it before a future town meeting for action. Appreciation was expressed for the action taken at the last town meeting in regard to the larger use of the town hall for recreational facilities, but it is not adapted to all the needs for recreational activities.

There in the very city where his monument stands and where Mrs. Roosevelt lives, the great capitol of our nation, thousands of Negro citizens are denied the right to economic security and the right to be treated as human beings. They cannot attend a great concert to hear a member of their own race sing, unless they are willing to climb to a dark attic gallery. When they are hungry, no matter how cultured or well educated they may be, they are driven from the hotels and restaurants into the street.

True patriotism will see the stain on our flag, the denial of the fundamental elements of our boasted democracy, and the repudiation of all that Christianity is supposed to stand for in the life of mankind. Mrs. Roosevelt's words should be carved in letters of brass and placed on the walls of the Lincoln Memorial; the flowers and the wreaths should be removed till we have begun to practice those things for which Abraham Lincoln lived and for which he gave his life. I am certain that he would rejoice if this substitution could be made, if only those who read the new inscription would make haste to do something toward the fulfillment of the ideal."

The Schools To Share In Halsted Estate

Last week (Thursday) there was filed in the probate court of New York City the will of Edward Bayard Halsted, a New York stockbroker, who died on Feb. 3 while on a visit at Ventura, Calif. John Hopkins University and Duke University receive substantial gifts and a trust fund of \$250,000 is created for the benefit of a sister-in-law, Sarah Townsend Halsted of Glen Cove, L. I., and upon her death the same is to be divided between John Hopkins University and the Northfield Schools. Thus it will be seen that eventually the schools will share in the bequest to the amount of \$125,000.

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LOCALS

An organ recital will be given this Friday evening at the Goodale United church in Northfield by Miss Elsie Eckman of Boston.

Miss Mary Abel of New Guinea a niece of Rev. Charles W. Abel, the famous missionary who has been a frequent visitor and speaker in Northfield, was the speaker last Sunday afternoon at the Moody Memorial church on Northfield Mountain.

A meeting is called of all men who have been or are interested in the Boys Brigade to gather in the town hall basement Wednesday evening, March 2 to discuss plans for re-organization. This work was conducted very successfully in Northfield for many years but was abandoned because of the lack of suitable quarters.

Our bowling team suffered defeat at the hands of the South Deerfield team Wednesday evening by three points. Looks as if our boys have lost their usual vim and vigor and incidentally the blue ribbon of the county championship.

The local basketball team played the Hermon varsity at the Hermon gym Thursday evening.

Madame de Doueueil, a singer of French Folk Songs, gave two programs here on Washington's Birthday. She appeared in a vivid peasant costume at Mount Hermon at the noon assembly at Camp hall, and in Silverthorne hall at the seminary in the evening.

The Wesleyan College Glee club will give a concert at Mount Hermon school tomorrow noon.

Rev. Wallace Anderson of Faith Congregational church of Springfield will preach at both morning and evening services at Mount Hermon chapel Sunday.

Students of Mount Hermon will view the picture, "Loz Horizon" in Camp hall on Saturday night.

The World Day of Prayer will be observed in many churches on the first Friday of Lent, March 4th.

A number of our young people are planning to attend the dance in the Grange Hall at Vernon this Friday evening.

According to a record at the Registry, Frank E. and Roselle A. Evans doing business as Evans Bros., have transferred to William G. Slatte, two parcels of land, containing 28 and 6 acres respectively.

Last week the Northfield bowling team won in its game with the Smith-Carr team by a score of 3-1. Philip Porter led the league three score with 316. Barnes rolled a high 114 single.

Special trains on the Boston & Maine from New York and on the Central Vermont railroad passed through Northfield last Sunday to Brattleboro for the national ski-jumping contests.

In the New York *Herald-Tribune* of last Monday was an excellent likeness of George Stebbins, the noted hymn writer and frequent visitor to Northfield together with a most interesting article. It was all in honor of his 92nd birthday which will be observed this Saturday.

SOUTH VERNON

South Vernon church, Rev. George A. Gray, pastor. Sunday service, 10:45, morning worship; 12:15, church school; 7:00, song and evening service. Mid-week service at 7 at Vernon Home.

C. I. Holton observed his birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 22. He was given a cordial greeting by his many friends.

Sylvester Wheeler, age 34, eldest son of Alonso S. Wheeler and Ella (Willis) Wheeler of Windsor, Ct., met with serious injury in an automobile accident last week Thursday. His companion was instantly killed. Mr. Wheeler died Friday. He leaves his father A. S. Wheeler of South Vernon, seven sister and one brother, Mrs. Lillian Reed of Miller Falls, Mrs. Ida Whitney of Winchester, N. H., Miss Vera Willis of Nashua, N. H., Mrs. Mary Schenelly of Windsor, Ct., Mrs. Florence Barnard of Windsor, Ct., Miss Edith Wheeler and Alonso H. Wheeler of South Vernon. The funeral services were held at his home in Windsor and the body was brought to South Vernon Monday. The burial service took place in Tyler cemetery where Rev. E. E. Jones, pastor of the Union church officiated.

Mrs. G. Eleanore Bruce who spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Edgar Bruce, returned to Northampton Commercial college Tuesday. Mrs. Bessie Dunklee has charge of a fine program which will be given at the South school Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30. All are invited.



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Greenfield Saturday

The winter meeting of the State Federation of Planning Boards will be held Saturday at the Weldon hotel in Greenfield opening at ten o'clock with luncheon at noon and a dinner session at six o'clock. Gorham Dana will preside in the morning. Addresses listed are: "Problems of the Deerfield Valley," by chairman James A. Britton of the Greenfield planning board; "Highway Zoning and Roadside Control," by Flavel Shurtliff, counsel for the American planning and civic association; and "Zoning in Relation to a Master Plan," by Angus J. McNeil, chairman of the Wellesley planning board.

The afternoon session will open at 2:30 with Lewis D. Bement, chairman of the Deerfield planning board, presiding. Dr. David Bozman, research professor of economics at M. S. C. will talk on "Zoning As Part of a Land Use Program," and "Rural Zoning Progress and Possibilities" will be the topic of an address to be given by Joseph T. Elvove, acting land use planning specialist for Massachusetts in the U. S. department of agriculture. Dr. V. Webster Johnson, rural zoning economist from the bureau of agriculture economics will preside at an open forum zoning problems at 4.

At the evening dinner session Miss Elizabeth M. Herlihy, chairman of the state planning board, presides. The speaker will be Hugh T. Pomeroy, field consultant of the American Society of Planning Officials and the National Association of Housing Officials.

Northfield will be represented at the sessions.

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Jane Withers In Latest
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The girl who has just been voted one of the six most popular stars wears the proudest racing silks on the track in "Checkers," her latest 20th Century-Fox picture, which is playing at the Auditorium Theatre, Brattleboro, where it will continue through Saturday. Jane's at her uprooted best, and what a thoroughbred she is, even when Lady Luck forgets to sit like a lady.

Stuart Erwin and Una Merkel are featured in romantic roles in the film, and Marvin Stephens plays Jane's first screen "crush." The story has many thrills.

To Present Plays

Fleur de Lis, Northfield Seminary French club will present *L'Anglais Tel Qu'on le Parle*, by Tristan Bernard, and the German club will present *Sleeping Beauty*, on Saturday evening in Silverthorne hall at 8 o'clock. Miss Margaret Robinson of the French department is coaching the French club play and Mr. Ernest Kirman, instructor in German, is directing the German club play.

PRESS ADS BRING RESULTS usual. She left us this morning.

PERSONALS

Miss June Wright is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller at Rochester, N. Y., and relatives in Syracuse during the school vacation.

Mrs. C. O. Dunham, wife of Rev. C. O. Dunham of South Londonderry, Vt., and who is a summer resident in Northfield has been very ill at her home recently.

Merwin D. Birdsall has been nominated by the town caucus of Gill as a candidate for auditor of the town.

Rev. William H. Cole, vicar of the Episcopal church in charge of the churches at Shelburne Falls, Turners Falls and Ashfield and who has frequently visited Northfield will become the Rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal church at Southbridge on March 15th.

Miss Elsie Eckman of Roxbury well known here by many friends spent last week-end visiting the seminary.

Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal of Northfield seminary has been nominated as a candidate for membership on the Board of Trustees of Smith college at Northampton by the Alumnae association. Miss Wilson is now a member of the Board of Trustees of the Northfield Schools and since 1931 a trustee of Abbott Academy.

The Press joins with friends in extending congratulations to Miss Dorothy Bruff and Bernard Richman who were married last Sunday in Springfield and are now on a wedding trip through the South. Miss Bruff resided with her parents in Greenfield and Mr. Richman is the well known manager of the Growers Outlet.

Miss Grace Curtis of Japan, granddaughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Pierson was the speaker at the Christian Endeavor meeting at the Congregational church last Sunday evening.

"Uncle Phil" otherwise Rev. Philip T. Phelps, well known and loved resident of Rustic Ridge is at present sojourning in Scarsdale, N. Y., and writes that he hopes to reach Northfield to occupy his summer cottage as easily as the weather will permit.

Mrs. Sarah E. Richardson, a former resident of East Northfield is now residing at Springfield and this year is 84 years of age. With her daughter, Viva, who is teaching at Mt. Holyoke college, she hopes to revisit here this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hyde spent last week-end on a visit with Mrs. Hyde's mother at Wethersfield, Conn.

A letter from Sam Walker who with his wife is enjoying himself at Hollywood, Fla., says that he is feeling much better and enjoying the balmy air and sunshine of the southern clime.

Miss Mira B. Wilson of Northfield seminary is attending a conference in Atlantic City, N. J. this week of the national association of Principals of Girls' schools. A series of various educational conferences are being held this week in Atlantic City.

Local Women Attend
County Gathering

A good sized delegation of women from the local Congregational church attended the county meeting of the Franklin Association at the First Congregational church in Greenfield last Friday. The principal speaker was the Rev. Dr. Edward W. Cross, pastor of the First Congregational church of Springfield who stressed on the necessity of women taking the leadership in church activities.

Women comprise one-third of those making up major Congregational boards, he said, and that women will cause the church to take the lead in the question of adult education which is becoming increasingly popular was his belief. One of the reasons he gave for the popularity of adult education was the increase in the number of adults as the birth and death rates decline.

Mrs. Herbert Morrell of Turners Falls, president, introduced Dr. Cross and Mrs. Olaf Hoff, Jr., of Turners Falls who spoke on "Visions of Peace." She asked how America could show the peoples of the world the way to peace when America has strikes, religious and racial hatreds and poverty among plenty.

The program also included solos by Mrs. Robert Mills of Millers Falls, a play by the members of the Sheburne Falls church and music by a group from the Centra church of Orange. Mrs. Raymond Phelps called the roll and tea was served by the Greenfield women.

More than one-sixth of the voters in Brattleboro will be shorn of their voting privilege in the coming town meeting. The reason is that they are delinquent in the payment of their poll taxes. About 1035 are on the list to be exact and the little red check denotes that they will have nothing to say in town meeting March 1. It's pretty good idea to pass along to all our towns.

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Josiah A. Field

The body of Josiah A. Field of Springfield, Mass., who died Sunday, Feb. 20, at the age of 77 years, was brought to Northfield Tuesday for burial in the Center cemetery in the family plot. Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiated at the committal services. Surviving is a son, Harland of Springfield. Mr. Field, well and favorably known here, had many friends and relatives in Northfield.

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EDITORIAL

A unique event has occurred in connection with the Far Eastern war which stands in striking contrast to the attitude of Europeans during the World War. Japanese Christian groups have sent a message of goodwill to the Christian groups in China. The message says the Japanese Christians are grieving about the war in China "with a grief so deep that we find it impossible to give it full expression." The message goes on, "The roar of cannon must cease and we must heal the wounds caused by this clash. We believe that the day of peace will bring heavy responsibilities for the Christians of the two nations."

We are told that the treasury department of the government has authorized the coining of a new "nickel." The coin of any denomination may be changed after every 25 years and a new design applied. The new coin will bear a likeness of Thomas Jefferson on one side and on the other his home, Monticello. It will supplant the "Bantaio nickel." Fortunately most of us are familiar with the designs of the penny, nickel and dime, but when it comes to coins of higher value, with two depressions having existed, we don't get the opportunity to hold them long enough for a study of design or wording. We take them for face value only to see them slip thru our fingers and disappear.

A citizen of this town reminds us that soon we shall have a "clean-up week" and that we ought to speak out strongly for it. We are impressed with a poor picture of Northfield "the beautiful" just now for winter has left us the results of its rains and snows, its storms and gales. The trees are denuded of their finery, the graceful bush looks like brush and the gardens are minus their various shades of color. No Northfield doesn't look "beautiful" just now. Even some of our houses will need a new coat of paint, the barns will need fixin' up, the fences straightened out a little and the lawns put in condition. The Editor has faith in the town and its people and he is quite sure that at the proper time, the community will merge from the hazards of the season and bedeck itself in all its usual glory. "Clean-up" week may be reminder to us but isn't necessary for admonition.

Dumb: So your grandfather is a sure-enough oldtimer?

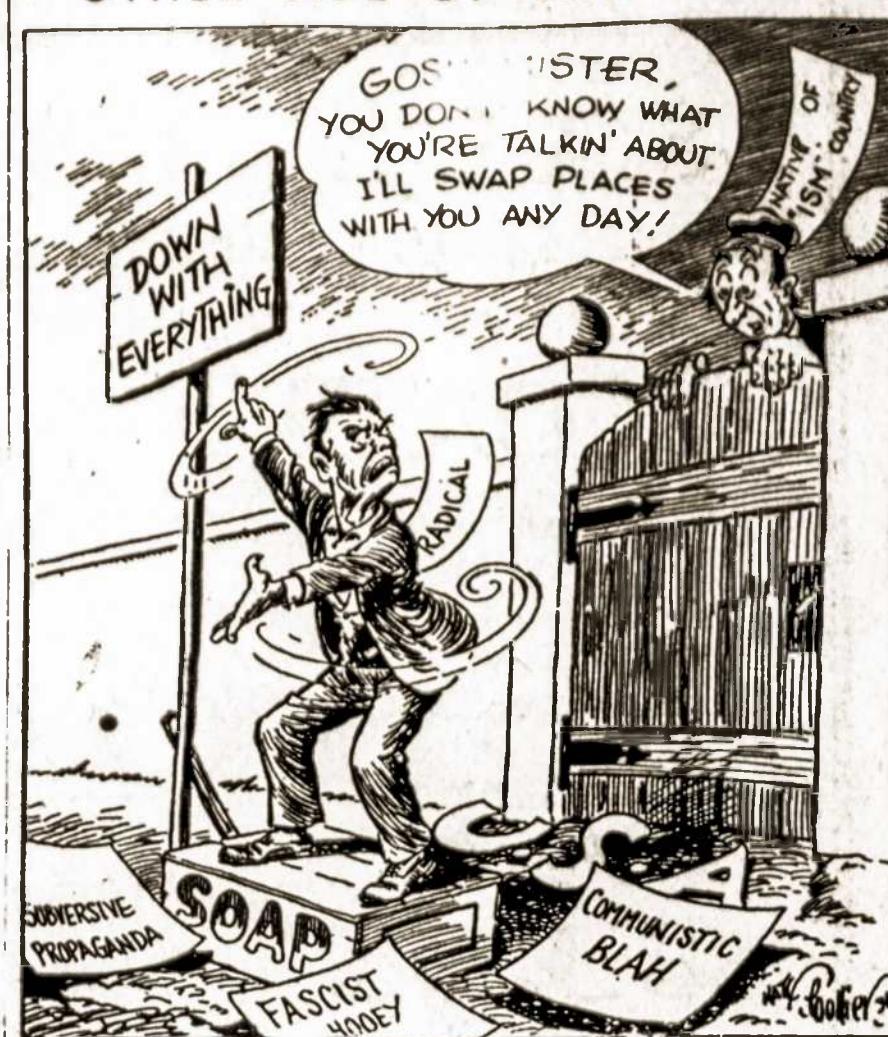
Bell: Yeah. He says he can remember when baking powder outsold face powder.

Gas Range Has Old-World Heritage



WHILE America's modern gas range leads the world in speed and smartness, doubtless the inventive minds of many nations have contributed some ideas utilized in its evolution. From the small auxiliary stove used in the Brittany province of France may have come the feature of heat concentrated beneath a chimney—as in the present multi-flame top burner. German housewives found the stove with a wide cooking top and spacious oven more convenient when preparing quantities of food from day to day.

IT LOOKS DIFFERENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE



The Back Yard Gardener

Being a firm believer in trying to have flowers from snow to snow, the Red Head and I went pussy-wallowing last week. Made me think of my boyhood days and that little song we used to sing about "Oh, you pussy willow, pretty little thing, growing in the sunshine of the early spring."

Pussies are already on the market, but they are not the only things which can make the cold raw, dreary days of February and March a bit more cheery. Take a bunch of plum twigs or peaches or flowering quince, also golden bells perhaps better known as forsythia, some cornelian cherry or any other of the dogwoods, or some spicewood twigs. Force them in the house, and you'll forget all about the cold dreary days.

Incidentally it's a good thing in forcing these things to put them in the bath tub (of course some night when you are not going to use it yourself) and let them soak. This soaking softens up the bark and buds and brings them along much more rapidly when you arrange them in vases in front of the sunny windows.

But here's another stunt worth trying which makes for early spring bloom in the house. If you have some violets, hepaticas, iris of the dwarf varieties, crocus, squill, and similar things that are more or less lost in their particular location and you don't give a hoot whether you disturb the bed or not, take up some frozen clumps and put them into pots or just in shallow pans. Put them in front of a cool window and it will certainly do your old heart good.

A lady wrote in the other day and wanted to know if it would be all right to prune her shrubs during March. It's a perfectly good idea except for shrubs like forsythia, flowering quince, and other early flowering shrubs.

These bloom on last year's growth and should be pruned after they have flowered. Of course, any diseased or broken

branches should be taken out now.

I also want to remind our back yard garden friends that generally speaking perennials bloom best when they are new. I'm thinking particularly of chrysanthemums and such things. Just as soon as the ground has dried enough so that you can get around it easily, dig up, divide, and reset your perennials. In fact, it's a good idea to do it every spring. Old perennials usually become woody and never seem to bloom so profusely as those freshly divided. Of course, there are a few exceptions. For example, the peony doesn't want to be divided to frequently.

Also remember during March to check your winter cover and be sure that it isn't smothering out some of the early growing plants. But don't remove it too soon. Furthermore, remember to prune back those snowball hydrangeas to mere stubs if you want good blooms next fall.

Dumb: A man's occupation affects his attitudes in general.

Bell: Sure; just compare the manners of a salesman with those of a purchasing agent.

A LITTLE COUNTRY PAPER

I get a little paper from a little country town—A far cry from the dailies, that on Sundays weigh us down; It's printed every Friday, and it has no supplement, Nor colored rotogravure, but I'm always glad it's sent.

It gives no clever verses by the syndicated bards, But states that Mrs. Williams entertained some friends at cards; "Ye scribe" saw Judge McArthur shaking hands with friends today. It says the Curtis family sold out and moved away.

On Boulder Dam it's silent, and there's nothing on finance—it tells that the Rebekahs gave an installation dance. That Miss Day is returning soon to open up her school, That Alexander Hargrave lost a valuable mule.

It's glad that Jimmy Gallagher can be around again. It claims that the alfalfa crop is much in need of rain; The supervisors voted for the road work to commence; Will Anderson hauled lumber for his new garage and fence....

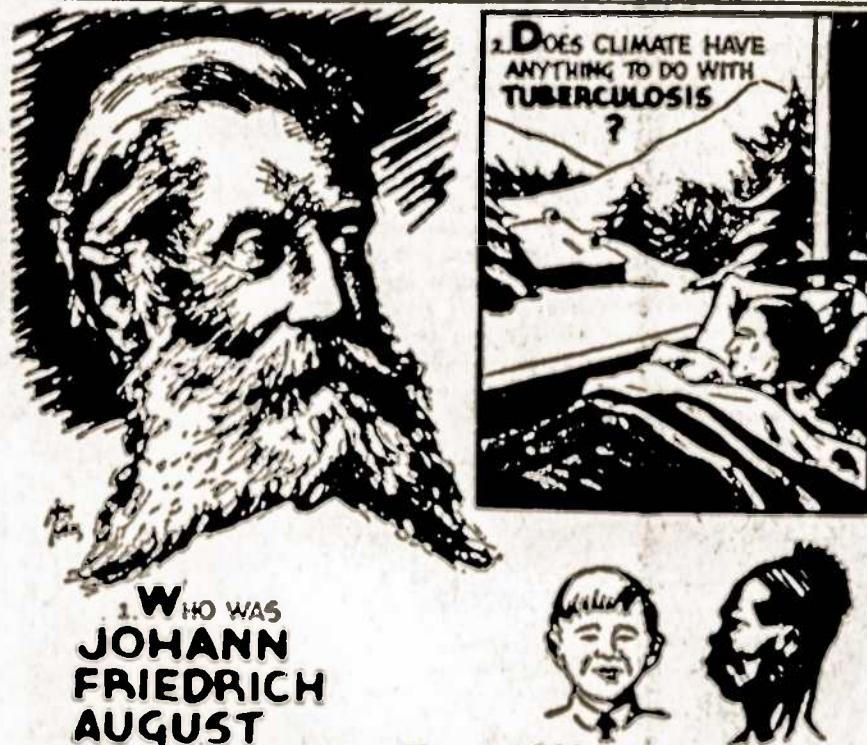
The worldly ones may smile at it, but theirs are tender smiles—These home town items form a bond through many years and miles. Oh, little country paper, with your little weekly talk!

I like to wander with you down remembered roads and walks.

—By Clara McCreery in "The Wasp"

What Do You Know About Health?

By FISHER BROWN and NAT FALK



WHO WAS
JOHANN
FRIEDRICH
AUGUST
VON ESMARCH?

Answers: 1. A German surgeon who died in 1908, von Esmarch was responsible for introducing the first-aid bandage on the battlefield. This rubber bandage, which he invented, is wound tightly about a limb to shut off the blood supply and so afford the attending surgeon a bloodless field for operation.

2. Absolutely not. There is

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